

## **Reuben Davis**

### **1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography**

Reuben Davis, son of John Davis and Ellen Price, was born December 21, 1857, in Liverpool, England. He was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 31, 1868. With his parents he left England June 1, 1869, and arrived in Salt Lake City, June 26, 1869, with the first emigrant company to arrive in Ogden by rail.

As a boy he freighted with an ox team between Tooele county, where the family settled, and Salt Lake City. Later he was employed in building railroads. He helped to build the Salt Lake Sevier Valley and Pioche railroads (all now abandoned) and the Union Pacific railroad from Echo to Park City.

On October 18, 1881, soon after his marriage to Margaret S. Powell, he came to Lehi to help build the Salt Lake and Western railroad. He was made conductor on this line and on the excursion train from Salt Lake to Garfield Beach. He was employed as a conductor on this line and on the excursion train from Salt Lake to Garfield Beach. He was employed as a conductor until 1890 when he left the railroad to work for the Utah Idaho Sugar Company. He was employed at the Lehi factory until 1914.

He was the first secretary of the Mutual Improvement Association in Lake Point and served as a counselor of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of the Lehi North Branch. He filled a short term mission to California in 1916 and 1917 and served as a ward teacher for about forty years. He was ordained an Elder April 23, 1856; a Seventy November 16, 1903; and a High Priest February 6, 1916.

His marriage to Margaret S. Powell took place September 29, 1881, and he preceded her in death by only fifteen months. He died at eighty-six on March 31, 1943.